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MONTREAL FOR U.S. REP. ICAO

1. THE MEXICO CITY MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL
AVIATION AUTHORITIES RESULTED IN THE SIGNING ON SATURDAY,
DEC 15, OF A FINAL ACT CREATING A LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL
AVIATION COMMISSION, WITH THE 24 INDEPENDENT STATES OF
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.
IN ADDITION TO MEXICO, COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE
MEETING WERE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA,
CHILE, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA (OBSERVER),
NICARAGUA, PANAMA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, URUGUAY, AND
VENEZUELA. ALL COUNTRIES SIGNED THE FINAL ACT WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF CHILE, WHICH REQUIRED APPROVAL BY THE
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CHILEAN CIVIL AVIATION BOARD, AND JAMAICA, WHICH WAS
REPRESENTED ONLY BY AN OBSERVER. THE ORGANIZATION CAME

INTO BEING OFFICIALLY AS OF THE DATE OF SIGNATURE AND
WILL BE FINALLY CONSTITUTED ONCE FORMAL APPROVAL IS
OBTAINED FROM 12 OF THE 24 ELIGIBLE STATES.

2. THE MEETING WAS INAUGURATED BY MEXICAN SECRETARY
OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT MENDEZ DOCURRO, WHO
EMPHASIZED THAT REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSIONS EXIST
IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND SHOULD EXIST IN LATIN
AMERICA AS WELL, WHERE CONDITIONS ARE PARTICULARLY
FAVORABLE FOR COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF ICAO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CITED THE
VITALITY AND RAPID EXPANSION OF CIVIL AVIATION IN LATIN
AMERICA AND OFFERED THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS ORGANIZATION.

3. THE MEXICO CITY REGIONAL OFFICE OF ICAO HAS PROMISED
TO SUPPLY THE EMBASSY WITH TEXTS OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEECHES
MADE AT THE MEETING AS WELL AS THE FINAL ACT AND APPROVED
CONSTITUTION. THE CONSTITUTION IS REPORTEDLY A GENERAL
DOCUMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE ICAO DRAFT ALREADY POUCHED
TO THE DEPARTMENT, WITH ONE CHANGE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THE
NEW COMMISSION IS TO INCLUDE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
AND THAT THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS
LATIN AMERICAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

4. COMMENTING ON THE PROCEEDINGS, ICAO REGIONAL
DIRECTOR STEWART TOLD EMBASSY TCO THAT THE QUESTION
OF POSSIBLE OBSERVER STATUS FOR NON-MEMBERS DID NOT
COME UP BUT THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE TREATED WHEN THE
COMMISSION MEETS TO DRAFT ITS DETAILED REGULATIONS.
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARGENTINA, HE SAID, THE COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED VIEW THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS A MEANS OF
EXTENDING AND EXPANDING NORMAL ICAO WORK. ARGENTINA,
WHICH, ACCORDING TO STEWART, HAS A LONG-RANGE AVIATION
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAFTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FRENCH
TECHNICIANS, INDICATED THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATION SHOULD
ACT AS A VEHICLE FOR DEVELOPING A SIMILAR INTEGRATED PLAN
FOR THE REGION. THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION ALSO APPEARED
TO VIEW THE NEW ORGANIZATION AS A VEHICLE FOR REVISING
BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS. STEWART COMMENTED
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THAT IN ICAO EXPERIENCE EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES HAVE
NEVER BEEN SUCCESSFUL.
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